Racket in subsidised international call

2562. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some groups are active in various parts of the country, particularly in Delhi, which provide the facility of making national and international telephone calls at cheaper rates, in connivance with employees of Telephone Department, there by duping the consumers and Government of crores of rupees;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a number of such groups have been apprehended recently in various parts of the country and the employees of Telephone Department have also been found involved;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what effective steps Government are taking to check such misuse of STD facility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The CBI along with the departmental vigilance Staff, have conducted raids at Delhi, Bombay and other places. Cases have been registered and disciplinary action has been initiated against the departmental officials involved in such rackets.

(d) Surprise inspection by the Vigilance Staff of the Department have been stepped up at vulnerable points in the telecom network. Special cells of CBI are being set up to deal effectively with complaints of diversion of telephones in coordination with the departmental officers. Action is being taken to amend the Indian Telegraph Act suitable to take effective action against persons indulging in diversion of telephones, those abetting such diversion as well as those who derive undue pecuniary benefits from such diversion. The use of dynamic STD facility is being emphasized.

उत्तर प्रदेश में डाकघरों से पार्सलों की चोरी

2563. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव** : क्या **संचार** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश में प्रधान डाकघरों से उनके पार्सल चोरी हो गए हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इनका जिला तीन वर्षों का ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) इनमें से कितने पार्सल विदेशों से प्राप्त हुए थे ;

(घ) सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में की गई छान-बीन का क्या परिणाम रहा है ; और

(ङ) क्या यह भी सच है कि इसमें न तो कोई अधिकारी और कर्मचारी लापरवाह पाया गया और न ही कोई कार्यवाही की गई ?

संचार मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुखराम) : (क) से (ङ) उत्तर प्रदेश में जनरल पोस्ट-आफिसों से 1990–91, 1991–92 और 1992–93 के दौरान अंतर्देशीय अथवा विदेशी पार्सलों की चोरी के किसी भी मामले की सूचना प्राप्त नहीं हुई है ।

गुजरात में दूरसंचार के लिए निर्माण कार्य

2564. **श्री राम सिंह राठवा** : क्या **संचार** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि गुजरात में दूरसंचार संबंधी निर्माण कार्य ठेकेदारों द्वारा किया जा रहा है ;